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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 25 July 1951, a troop train of 11 boxcars and 15 flatcars with about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 32 x 76-mm field guns, 1 jeep, and 3 field kitchens, was assembled at the Oranienburg (N 53/2 67) freight yard and left toward Germendorf in the afternoon.

2. In the late afternoon of 25 July, a train of 1 boxcar and 18 flatcars was loaded at the Oranienburg freight yard with 8 x 76-mm field guns, 1 x 100-mm AT gun, 1 jeep, sedan ambulance, 1 sidecar motorcycle and 9 prime movers. The artillery emblem was painted on the left side of each prime mover. *

3. On 26 July, a total of about 600 soldiers were quartered in the buildings of the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement at Oranienburg. Motor vehicles occupied only about 25 percent of the garage space.

4. On 26 July, 250 to 300 troops were quartered in the former concentration camp and in the Panzerschule. ***

5. A railroadman at the Oranienburg freight yard stated that a troop train carrying 190 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with 25 light AT guns, 4 jeeps and 28 trucks having numbers with the prefix letter C, had left toward Kremen in the afternoon on 25 July. Another troop train with 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 22 heavy AT guns, 6 jeeps and 22 prime movers left Oranienburg in the same direction later in the evening of the same day. *

* Comment. elements of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army from the restricted Weisse Stadt area were entrained. The trains in paragraph 1 and 5 are probably identical.

** Comment. the restricted area to have been occupied by 1,500 troops on 4 July.

*** Comment. reported the former concentration camp and the Panzerschule, which are housing units of the 25th Tank Div, to have been occupied by only rear details from late April to early July.

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[redacted] the 25th Tank Div was still in
the Templin area on 18 July. See [redacted]. It is believed that recruits
joined the rear details in the briefing area in July.

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